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HF 2710 - State Standards (LSB 5821 HV)

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Description

House File 2710 requires the Department of Education to convene a task force to study the establishment of statewide content and performance standards. The Bill describes the issues and material the task force must review. The membership of the task force must include administrators and teachers from large, medium, and small school districts, AEA representatives, parents or guardians, and community leaders. The Department is required to submit a progress report to the General Assembly by December 15, 2006. A final report, including recommendations, is due December 15, 2007.

Department of Education Implementation Plan

The Department of Education intends to implement HF 2710 by creating a 44-member task force, including an elementary teacher and a secondary teacher from each of the following curricular areas: Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, Reading, Writing, and Special Education. In addition, the task force will include teachers or administrators with expertise in instructional technology, career technology, and gifted/talented education. The task force will also include an AEA representative in each of the curricular areas, including instructional technology, career technology, and gifted/talented education. Other members of the task force will include multiple representatives from the Regents' institutions, private colleges and universities, and the community colleges; two representatives of business and industry; one parent; and six representatives of education associations, including the Iowa State Education Association (ISEA), School Administrators of Iowa (SAI), and the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB).

The Department's implementation plan anticipates 20 meetings of the task force over the span of 1.5 years. In addition to reimbursement for mileage, meals, and lodging, the Department intends to pay each member of the task force a stipend of \$200 per day for 20 days of meetings, as well as for 30 days of preparation, or a total of \$10,000 per member.

The plan includes the equivalent of 3.0 FTE positions for consultants and support staff, as well as contracts with experts in each of the seven curricular areas and a meeting facilitator.

Assumptions

The following assumptions reflect the Department's implementation plan:

<u>Task Force Member Expenses</u>	<u>Amounts</u>	<u>Total</u>
Stipends = \$10,000 x 44 members	\$ 440,000	
Expenses = \$1,500 x 44 members	66,000	
		\$ 506,000
<u>Department Staffing Expenses</u>		
Educational Program Consultant (1.5 FTE)	\$ 126,000	
Support Staff (1.5 FTE)	60,000	
Travel for staff	7,500	
Computer hardware/software	6,000	
		199,500
<u>External Expert Expenses</u>		
Honorarium = \$12,000 x 7 experts	\$ 84,000	
Expenses = \$2,220 x 7 experts	15,540	
		99,540
<u>Meeting Expenses</u>		
Facilitator Honorarium = \$500 x 20 days	\$ 10,000	
Facilitator Preparation = \$250 x 20 days	5,000	
Facilitator Expenses	1,500	
Meeting Room Rental = \$150 x 20 days	3,000	
Lunch/refreshments = \$20 x 44 members x 20 days	17,600	
		37,100
Grand Total		<u>\$ 842,140</u>

It is further assumed that two-thirds of the expenditures will be made in FY 2007 and one-third will be made in FY 2008.

Fiscal Impact

House File 2710 does not specifically delineate the number of members on the task force, nor does it require stipends to be paid to members. The Bill does not speak to the use of external curriculum experts. Because of this, the cost of the Department's implementation plan appears to be the maximum needed to implement the Bill. The General Assembly could change the fiscal impact of this Bill by providing more specificity regarding implementation.

Based upon the Department's stated intentions for implementing HF 2710, the estimated fiscal impact to the General Fund is \$561,000 in FY 2007 and \$281,000 in FY 2008.

Source

Department of Education

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The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Fiscal Services Division, Legislative Services Agency to members of the Legislature upon request.
